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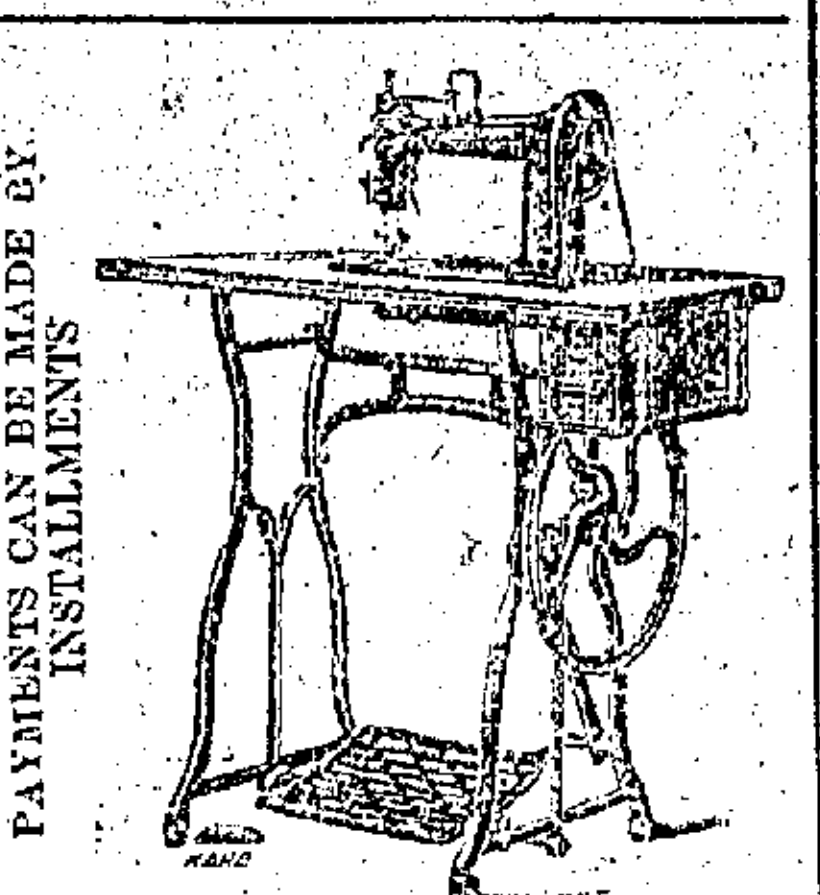
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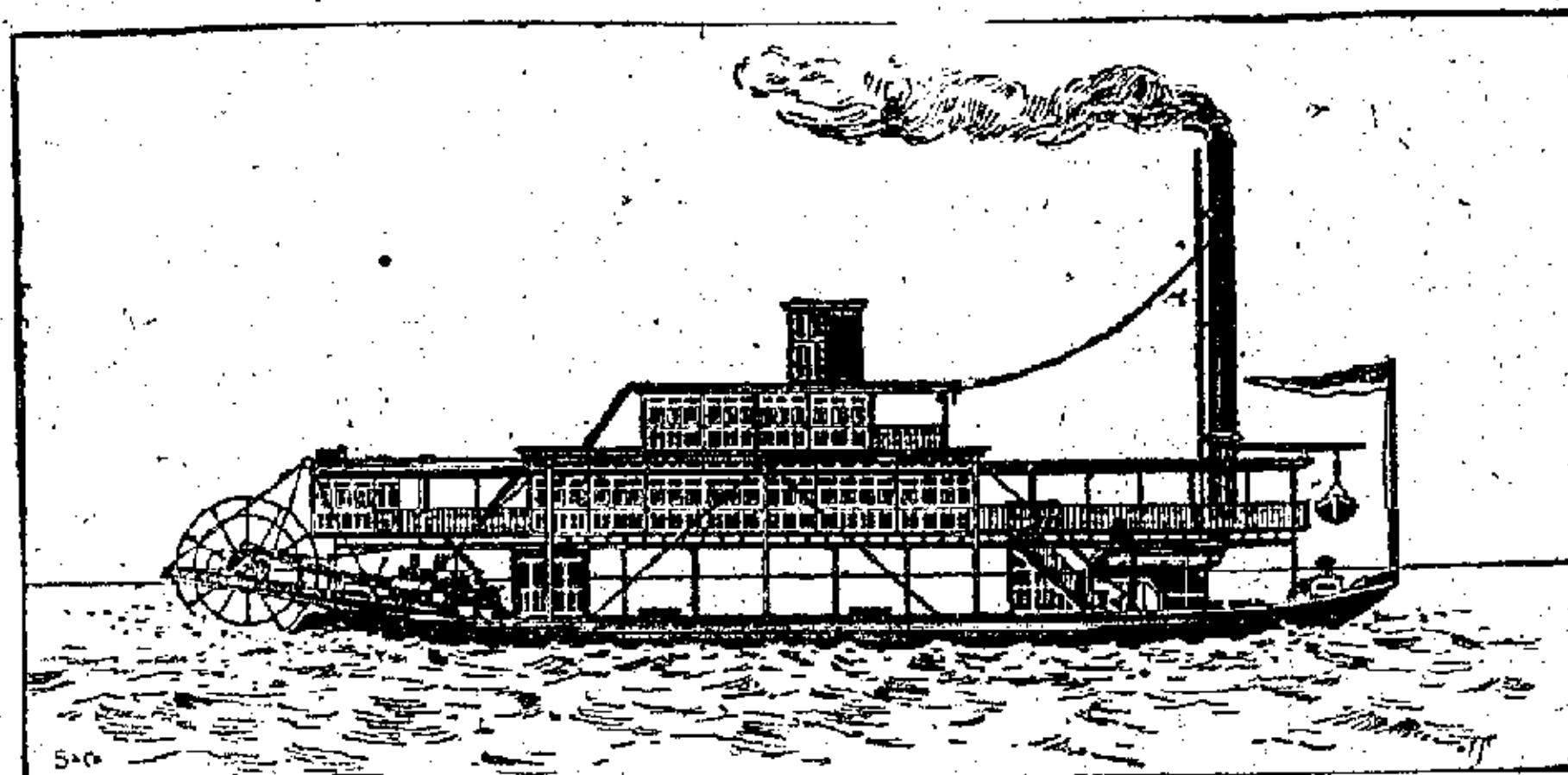
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Miscellaneous.

2 p.m.—Bazaar at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 11.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries, at R. E. Yard (opposite the Naval Yard).

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., at the Company's Hotel.

1 p.m.—Local Banks close.

THURSDAY, December 12.—

1 p.m.—Local Banks close.

Victoria Regatta.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Lodge St. John.

FRIDAY, December 13.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Stamps at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, December 14.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Regulations are published in the *Gazette* regarding the disposal of ashes from ships in the harbour.

It is considered probable that the proposal to establish a Steam Laundry in Colombo will fail through.

Captain Mortimer O'Sullivan is preparing a paper on 'Inland Waters of China' for the Royal Geographical Society.

Admiral Lord Hood of Avon, whose death is reported, took part in the action of Fashan and capture of Canton in 1857.

The exportation or carrying of arms, ammunition, etc., coastwise within the Colony of Hongkong, is prohibited for a further period of six months.

It is notified that Hon. R. Murray Ramsay has been elected a member of the Church Body, vice Sir John Carrington C.M.G., resigned.

The Court Circular of the 5th November notes the arrival, amongst others, of Mr. Reuben Sassoon at Sardinian on a visit to the King.

The War Office has been calling for Regular non-commissioned officers at home to volunteer for service with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry at Weihsien.

The will of the late Mr. Cowasjee Dinshaw, Aden, C.I.E., of the firm of Cowasjee Dinshaw and Brothers, of Aden and Bombay, has been proved in London at £30,020.

There were 76 cases of malarial fever at the various police stations in the New Territory between May and September, the heaviest month being August with 23 cases.

H.E. the Governor is pleased to recognise Mons. R. Rieu as in charge of the French Consulate here during the absence from the Colony of Mons. G. R. Lohbert, Consul.

There were 639 European and 285 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 1,020 European and 1,925 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended 8th Dec.

The Duke of Sutherland has decided to establish, at a cost of £10,000, a technical school near Golspie; and it is understood that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £10,000 towards its endowment.

Up to the 26th ult., the following Turkish subjects in Singapore had been registered at the newly-opened Ottoman Consulate:—Jews 17, Armenians 5, Arabs 51, Turks 21, total 94.

The final performance of the Empire Comedy Company was a great success, the best testimony to their popularity in Hongkong resting in the fact that they played before a crowded house.

The directors of the Nordde. Lloyd and the Hamburg-American Line have declared their willingness to forward, without requiring any freight for them, Christmas presents for the German troops or sailors stationed in China.

A fire occurred last night in a green grocer's store at No. 22, Chinese Street. The brigade attended and saved the property from destruction. Damages to the amount of over \$100 was done, and it was caused by leaving a lamp burning unattended.

Old Singaporeans will regret to hear of the death of the Rev. William Aitken, M.A., formerly minister of the Singapore Presbyterian Church. After leaving Singapore in 1882, he was for some years minister at Trinidad, and lately chaplain of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. are advertising their wines, etc., in a very attractive manner. They have issued among their customers and the public generally a neat, durable and useful little pocket book, which has special reference to that popular table water Aquafina.

Pursuant to section 4 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1901, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to direct that there shall be kept at the Registrar General's Office, by the Registrar General, a book entitled, 'The Register of Proprietors of Copyright in Paintings, Drawings and Photographs.'

'Jimmy, my child,' the fond mother exclaimed, 'don't eat so much of that lobster salad. You'll be ill to-night.' 'Well, ma, if I am you'll know what's the matter with me, anyhow.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Blake Pier Improvement.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that tenders will be received for the erection of the proposed clock-tower at Blake Pier up to the 30th inst., at noon. We called attention to this matter early last week.

The Admiralty Busy.

According to a telegram from London, the Admiralty is exceptionally busy with experimental work, notably new fuel, a new system of coaling at sea, and submarine telegraphy enabling ships to tap cables.

The Queen Victoria Memorial.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that, on the 1st ult., the Lord Mayor received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies a cheque for £12,500, being a contribution by the Colony of Hongkong towards the Fund for the National Memorial to Queen Victoria.

'Teetotaler' Done into French.

The current number of the *Empire Review* contains the third instalment of Sir Hubert Jerningham's 'Colonial Reminiscences.' In it he claims the rights of authorship in the translation into French of the word teetotaler: 'The *laid à l'heure*.'

Lyddite in Eastern Colonies.

Captain Benson, of the Royal Artillery, an expert on lyddite, was expected at Colombo on the 28th November by the chartered transport *Malacca*, which is bringing out R.A. reliefs from home. Captain Benson is to inspect the magazines at Colombo and other British possessions in the East, with a view to the storage of lyddite, the use of which is to be extended to the East.

Astronomical.

The sky made an interesting study last evening, says the *Strait Times* of the 26th ult. At about 7 o'clock there were three very fine concentric rings around the full moon, and at a few minutes to 7 a very fine meteor that seemed almost to have been shot out of the moon sped across the heavens west by north from the eastward. At the same hour the three planets Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn—still in close juxtaposition—made a magnificent constellation in the western heavens.

The Chinese Army.

H.E. Wang Chih-chun, the Governor of Anhui Province, has engaged through Li Sheng-tu, the retiring Minister to Japan, a Japanese military officer, named Minejiri Kishi as Instructor for the Military Academy at Nanking, the capital of that province. Mr. Kishi was formerly a Sergeant Major in the Japanese Army. He arrived at Shanghai on the 27th ult. en route to Nanking to take up his new position. His salary is \$100 per mensem and the contract which he has entered into with the Governor will last for two years.

Bank Notes and Specie.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during November, are certified by the managers of the respective banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$3,003,198	\$1,600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	7,968,500	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited	441,350	150,000
Total	\$11,412,848	6,750,000

A Plague of Rats.

Kowloon is suffering just now from a plague of rats. It is supposed that the breaking up of the cavalry camps at Kowloon, and the dispersal of commissariat stores, has driven the rats elsewhere, and now they are literally swarming in the houses on the Peninsula. In the circumstances, the following paragraph, taken from a Home paper, may have some interest to the Sanitary Board authorities:—'The fact that the outbreak of plague in Glasgow has been traced to rats, a correspondent, who has lived in China, writes to an evening contemporary to say that there is a systematic and scientific method of ridding humanity of rats and the vermin on them. The process consists of simply charging vermin-infested areas with sulphur dioxide gas, which in a very few minutes lays out the whole of the rat community, and not only does it do this effectively, but the rats show their gratitude for this humane treatment, as compared with the bull-dog method, by coming out of their holes and hiding-places into the open to die, and so facilitating their interment after decease. He adds: 'The authorities of rat and plague-infested ports might find it worth while to inquire into this system further, instead of seeking to emulate the example of the Hongkong Government, which is vainly trying to settle the vexed question by offering to buy up rat-tails from John Chinaman for a cent apiece.'

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Fishing at Singapore.

The *Strait Times* of the 28th ult. says:—A young alligator measuring four feet two inches was caught by Chinese fishermen in a net, at Tanjong Rhu, yesterday afternoon. It was caught within a few yards of the shore, just about the spot where a shark about five feet long was netted by the same fishermen about three weeks ago.

International Rowing.

Baron O'Brien, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, who was greatly interested in the recent rowing contest at Killarney between the crews of the Pennsylvania and Dublin Universities, has announced his intention to offer a cup for the international rowing competition in connection with the Cork Exhibition next year. It is understood that the United States, France, Germany and Holland will send crews.

Minerals in Manchuria.

Mr H. C. Hoover has arrived at San Francisco from China, and states that the popular belief that rich gold mines exist in Manchuria is entirely unfounded. He is of opinion, however, that the coal deposits are enormous. A British company (the C.E. and M. Company) has taken over a coal mine which formerly belonged to Li Hung-chang, and also a coalfield in Chihli, 30 miles from 13 miles wide. The company proposes to bring coal and coke to San Francisco by its own colliers, consisting of a line of 12 steamers. This will enable it to lay down coke at \$6 a ton.

Tiger Tamer Mauled.

Gus Burns, the tiger tamer of Harmsworth's Circus, now in Rangoon, had a narrow escape from being killed by his tiger 'Duke' on the 19th November. The beast was evidently not in a good temper, and when a flaming bar was put in, after jumping it once, he rose up and, pinning his trainer against the side of the cage, clawed him over the head and back of the neck, ripping his flesh and tearing his scalp. The man with a hot fork outside immediately held 'Duke' by the throat. The trainer fell to the ground, but picked himself up at once and got round to the door. There he stood for a second or two, showing great presence of mind, though his nerves were badly shaken, and managed to make his escape through the door. The tamer was immediately taken to hospital, and had his wounds dressed.

MacLaren's Cricketers in Australia.

The following telegram, dated London November 13, gives details of the match against Victoria, which, last year, won Lord Sheffield's trophy:—

The second match of the tour commenced at Melbourne on Friday, the English Eleven meeting Victoria. Owing to an attack of rheumatism, Mr. MacLaren stood down from the English Eleven. The result was a win for the Englishmen. The scores were as follow:—

England—first innings	186
Second innings	174
Total	360
Victoria—first innings	133
Second innings	89
Total	222

England won by 118 runs.

The wicket was in a sodden condition. The best innings in the match was played by Mr. Charles McGabey, who in the second English innings made a score of 57. The feature of the match was the successful bowling of Sidney Barnes, who in the first Australian innings took 4 wickets for 61 runs, and in the second innings 7 for 38 runs.

American Trade in Southern China.

The Consul at Canton furnishes an interesting report, in the course of which he says that there are no American merchants in Canton, and there is no record in the consulate of any having registered at the other treaty ports within this consular district. All the ports in Southern China ought to be as open as the treaty ports, for through them an extensive trade can be done with merchants and others in the interior and in places that are at present well inaccessible for all commercial purposes; and at each of these ports there is every reason why enterprising American merchants should have representative and branch houses. Speaking as to the means of developing business, the Consul says that proper samples tell their own story and help a consul wonderfully in pushing trade, or rather in creating a demand which in time may become remunerative. He adds that he is about to set aside a part of the consulate for the public exhibition of all samples forwarded to him. All sorts of glassware for domestic, table, hotel, stationery and other uses will find purchasers in Canton among the trading community if the prices quoted are low enough to tempt them to abandon the English, French, German and Dutch products. The Consul, however, warns his countrymen that a deterioration in quality is soon noticed, with the result of an immediate and permanent rupture of commercial relations. In other words, once the Chinese become accustomed to the purchase of any commodity or ware, they will acquiesce gracefully in its gradual increase in price, but will resent emphatically and for all time the attempt to palm off an inferior article upon them.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Meteorological Observations.

The month of November was a dry one in Hongkong, the registered rainfall being only 0.770 inches. The mean temperature for the month was 69.6, the highest recorded being 82.2, and the lowest 63.6. There were 227.7 hours of sunshine, and the wind travelled 12.3 miles per hour on an average.

Naval Changes.

Captain G. A. Giffard will shortly relinquish his appointment as Commodore of the second class in charge of the New-foundland Fisheries, and will be succeeded by Captain R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B., who at present commands the battleship *Prince George* in the Channel Squadron. Capt. Arthur Clarke, who recently commanded the *Undaunted* on the China Station, has been mentioned as the successor of Captain Montgomerie in command of the *Prince George*.

A Change of Flag.

The steamers of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company have been under the German flag and charter for some considerable time, and it is interesting to learn that the *Heiping*, on Friday, the 29th ult., was once more placed under the British flag. The rumour that the Company's steamers would in future fly the Belgian flag is therefore groundless, says the *N.-C. Daily News*. In future this Company's deep-draught steamers will make Chinwangtao their port of call instead of Tangku, there being so little water at Taku Bar at present.

New Departure at Shanghai.

A new departure has been made at the Church of Our Saviour, Broadway, in the establishment of a suppers choir. The evening service last Sunday (says the *N.-C. Daily News* of the 3rd inst) was the first under the new conditions, and the choir acquitted itself splendidly. It consists of fourteen boys and ten men, and it was abundantly evident that the greatest care had been taken with the preliminary practices. 'When, as is not unlikely, the Church of Our Saviour is made a Pro-Cathedral such a choir will be found invaluable.'

Coal Contracts at Port Arthur.

A coal merchant who has recently returned from Port Arthur, and whose experiences are related in the *Asahi* and reproduced in the *Kobe Chronicle*, brings a serious charge of bribery against officials there. The consumers of Japanese coal at Port Arthur, he says, are chiefly the East China Railway Company and the shipowners in the vicinity. The total consumption of coal is about 15,000 tons on land and about 7,000 tons at sea. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has obtained a contract from the Russian authorities for the supply of 12,000 tons. He declares that the method of the Russian authorities in contracting for the purchase of goods is not to issue any paper in writing, only a verbal agreement being made, and under these circumstances it is not infrequent that a contract is qualified according to the bribes given to the officials in charge. Tenders are of little value, as the officials in charge accept any tender they think fit. The official in charge of the Southern section of the East China Railway, he says, advocated a certain contract, which involved a heavy loss for which he has been reprimanded, and he will be probably replaced by an official in the office of the Central Section. The coal merchant appears to have been unsuccessful. Those who have had experience of Japanese coal merchants and their ways will be rather amused to read of this attack on Russian officials for bribery.

The Celeste Burrill.

The sailing ship *Celeste Burrill*, which left this port some months ago, bound for Port Townsend, Washington, returned yesterday, says the *Manila Times* of Dec. 1. It will be remembered that during her passage across the Pacific, and whilst off the Formosan Coast, a severe typhoon was encountered, which for a time threatened the destruction of the ship. Part of her rigging was carried away and, during the severest part of the storm, a leak was sprung, which necessitated the pumps being put into action. When the storm had abated it was decided to try and make Hongkong, where an examination of her damages could be ascertained. After sailing for many days under the most adverse circumstances, the *Celeste Burrill* reached that port, where she was docked and her damages ascertained. Her owners were then communicated with, and it was decided to sell the ship, as she then lay. There were several bidders, but the well-known Manila firm, Compania General de Tabacos de Filipinas, proved successful. Capt. Don Miguel Orts was placed in command, and in a very economical, but effective manner, rigged up the necessary masts and yards from the spare spars on board, placed preventer braces and bent sail sufficient for all purposes. The vessel made the run from Hongkong in eight days, the temporary provisions proving as efficient as if she had been fully equipped in the best shipyard in the world. The *Celeste Burrill* brings a cargo of 20,000 cases of oil for her new owners. She came down to Manila under no flag, but will shortly be placed under the stars and stripes.

A Reasonable Consequence.

Your little baby brother hasn't any hair, Second Boy. No, the doctor what brought him was bald.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

CHINA AND GERMANY.

YUAN SHI-KAI VISITS THE GERMAN MINISTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, December 8, 10.11 a.m.

H.E. Yuan Shi-kai, the new Viceroy of Chih-li Province, yesterday paid a visit to H.E. Baron Schwarzenstein von Mumm, the German Minister, immediately after his return to Peking.

DEVELOPMENTS AT KIAOCHAU.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE.

In 1902, the Government of Kiaochau intends to spend the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in public improvements, which will include the harbour, a floating dock, repairing shops for the German squadron, &c.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

LARGE INCREASE IN COLLECTIONS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, December 7, 2.32 p.m.

The collections of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs for the third quarter of 1901, ended 30th September last, amount to Hk. Taels 6,761,594 as against Hk. Taels 5,163,751 in the corresponding period in 1900.

The increase at Shanghai is Hk. Taels 821,000 and at Canton Hk. Taels 88,000.

* Delayed in transmission.

[RUSSIAN SERVICE.]

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.

LONDON, 6th December, 1901.

Marquis Ito has left St. Petersburg.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY.

The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty has been published. It provides for the construction of the Isthmian Canal by, or under, the auspices of the United States, who are given all rights incident to such construction, and the exclusive right of management. It provides for the free and equal navigation of the Canal by the merchantmen and warships of all nations, similar to the Suez Canal. The question of fortifications is not mentioned.

LATER.

The foreign committee of the United States Senate has reported favourably on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty in regard to the Isthmian Canal.

THE FRENCH

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